

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-8 are allowed. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected.

The Examiner has not indicated approval of the drawings filed May 16, 2005. Applicants respectfully request such approval from the Examiner in the next Office paper.

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weisner et al. (5,262,944).

Analysis

The Examiner has provided comments on pages 3-4 of the Final Office Action. In particular, the Examiner refers to suggested subject matter for the claims for distinguishing from Weisner.

Specifically, the Examiner recognizes that the central station 20 of Weisner is distinguishable from the bedside monitor 10 of the present invention; however, he feels that the distinction is not currently recited.

Among the Examiner's comments, he suggests distinguishing the bedside monitor 10 from Weisner's central station 20 by clarifying that the bedside monitor 10 is networked to a central station. Since the station 20 is the central station in Weisner, this subject matter should distinguish from Weisner.

Accordingly, Applicants amend claims 1 and 2 along the lines discussed above to clarify the present invention. Amended claims 1 and 2 are believed to be distinguishable from Weisner.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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